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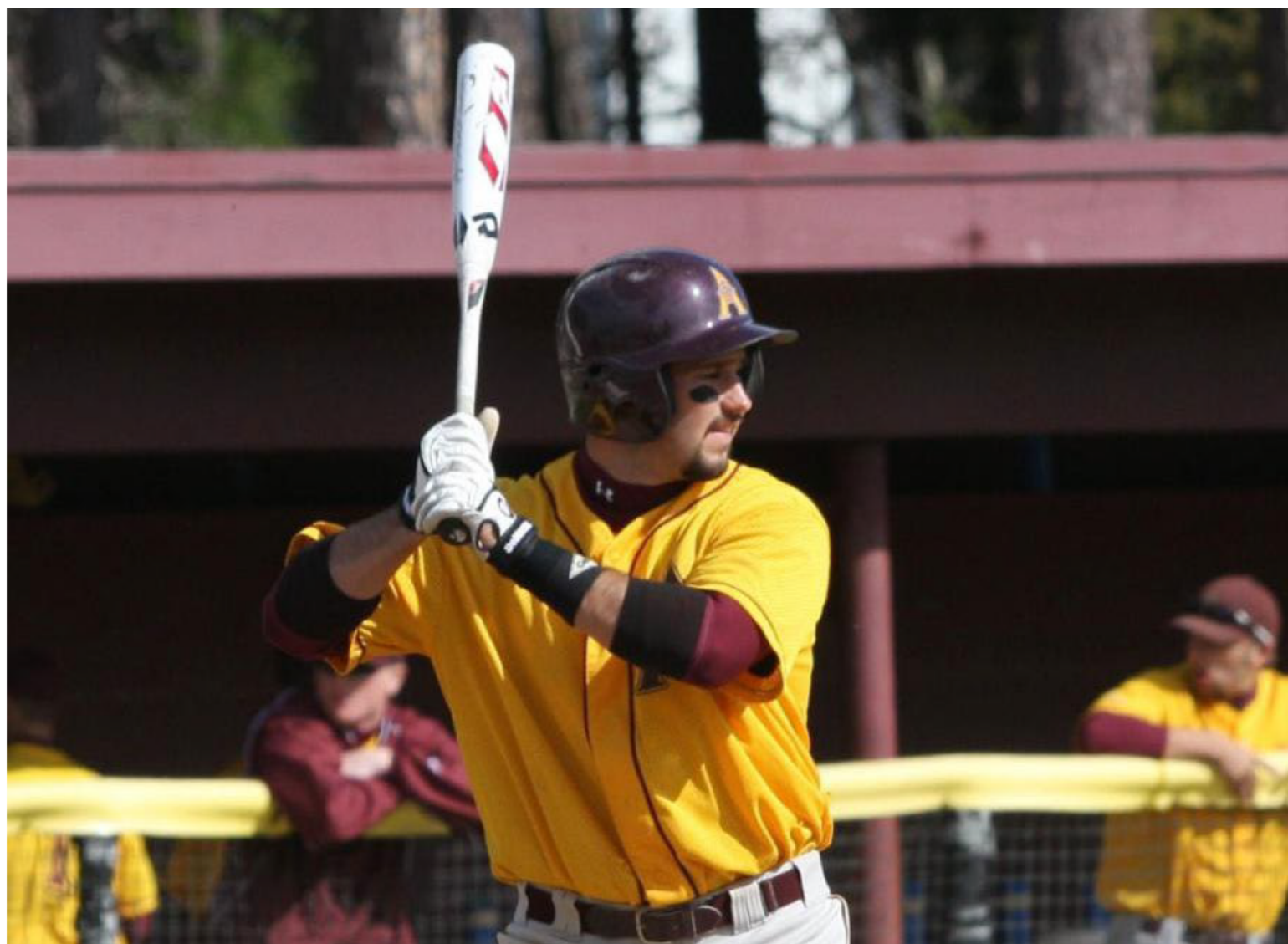
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PEMBROKE, N.C. - Senior Josh Wilson cranked a two-run home run and freshman Chris Zittrouer went 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs as the Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad halted a four-game slide with a 6-1 victory over Pfeiffer on Tuesday evening in Pembroke, N.C.

The Pirates (20-15) notched their first victory on their current eight-game road swing, while handing Pfeiffer (21-23) its second loss out of its last three games.

AASU got on the board quickly with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. Leadoff hitter Alex Wyche started the frame with a single, stole second, then scored on an RBI single by Zittrouer. A bases-loaded walk to Drew Walker would plate the second run of the inning.

Pfeiffer would get one run back in the third inning on Will Davis' RBI double off of AASU starter Ryan Smith, but that would be all the runs Smith and a pair of relievers would allow the Falcons on the night.

AASU plated two more runs in the third inning on the two-run home run by Wilson, the 25th home run of his career, tying him for eighth on the all-time Pirate home run chart with Kevin Bullard (1997-2000). Wilson also played in his 200th career game as a Pirate on Tuesday night.

The Pirates would add single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to cap the scoring. Zittrouer's second RBI single of the night came in the sixth inning and an RBI groundout by Carlos Cardoza-Oquendo brought home a run in the seventh.

Smith (2-2) earned the win for the Pirates, scattering eight hits in 5 ²/₃ innings, giving up one run and walking two while striking out two. Jonathan Fulghum hurled two innings of three-hit shutout relief, striking out five, while Brandon McCreery finished things off with 1 ¹/₃ innings of shutout relief.

Eric Shuford (3-4) took the loss for the Falcons, giving up six hits and four runs in four innings, walking four and striking out

three.

In addition to Wilson and Zittrouer's two hits each, Cameron Scott went 2-for-3 with a pair of doubles and Wyche finished the night with two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Myles Pearl and Aarin Sharpe led Pfeiffer at the plate with two hits apiece.

AASU returns to action on Friday, April 9, with a 7:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest at Columbus State.



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